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Ryan Jenkins found dead

Staff find murder suspect hanging in B.C. motel room

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The Thunderbird Motel on Flood Hope Road, west of Hope, last night where Jenkins' body was discovered in Room No. 2.

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Ryan Jenkins, a Canadian man wanted for the murder and dismemberment of his model ex-wife in Los Angeles, has been found dead in a motel room in Hope.

Police say staff found Jenkins yesterday afternoon, and that it appears he committed suicide. He was found hanging in a room at the Thunderbird Motel.

Manager Kevin Walker said he opened the door and saw a laptop on the bed.

"I called out 'hello,' and when no one responded, I pushed open the door some more," he said. "He was hanging off a belt, tied to the coat rack on the wall, right in front of me."

Walker told media that Jenkins was accompanied by a young woman when he checked in on Thursday. They arrived in a Chrysler PT Cruiser with Alberta licence plates. The woman checked them in for three days.

"We'll carry on with the investigation into the circumstances of his death and … how he came to be in that motel room," said RCMP Sgt. Duncan Pound at a press conference in Surrey last night.

"We're still liaising with the U.S. authorities. We made them aware of the circumstances and notification of kin has been completed."

Police said they're still confirming how long Jenkins had been at the motel.

"Our main focus has always been to ensure public safety and we thought it was important to tell the Canadian public that he's been confirmed deceased."

Police had held a press conference in Surrey earlier in the afternoon to say that Jenkins, 32, a wealthy Calgary native, crossed the border sometime after the remains of Jasmine Fiore were found in a dumpster.

At the time, Pound said he couldn't comment on how police knew he was in Canada, but urged Jenkins, if he was watching the news, to turn himself in.

A homeless man found Fiore's naked body stuffed in a suitcase in a dumpster on Aug. 15 — a day after Jenkins reported her missing.

Her teeth and fingers had been removed and investigators identified her by tracing the serial number on her breast implants.

On Aug. 20, police found Jenkins' boat in Point Roberts, Wash., leading authorities to believe he walked across the border into Tsawwassen.

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Suspect in ex-wife's killing

REUTERS/COURTESY TMZ

Model Jasmine Fiore is shown with Ryan Alexander Jenkins in the pool at a hotel in Las Vegas in this image taken Aug. 3.

- Jenkins became a minor celebrity as a contestant on VH1 reality show Megan Wants A Millionaire.

Jenkins had 'act to keep up': Former co-worker

CALGARY Ryan Jenkins was nicknamed Smooth Operator by his co-stars on the TV show Megan Wants A Millionaire — a moniker that was befitting of the accused murderer, according to a former co-worker.

A woman who worked at a downtown Calgary restaurant with Jenkins — who was found dead in a Hope motel yesterday — said he seemed "well bred" but had a "suave" and "cool" exterior.

"He was very confident in himself and knew he was a ladies' man, and boy, could he charm the ladies," said the woman, who did not want her name used because she didn't want it known that she was speaking ill of him.

"He was actually interesting to talk to but he had an act to keep up," she said. "I've seen him get frustrated at work, and his temper was very quick and hot."

Jenkins was charged with murder in the death and dismemberment of his ex-wife, Jasmine Fiore.

"Nobody thinks that anyone is capable of this type of heinous act," she said. "To see a familiar face plastered across the media was a shock to the system."

"The poor families of (Fiore and Jenkins)," she added. "They're the biggest victims."

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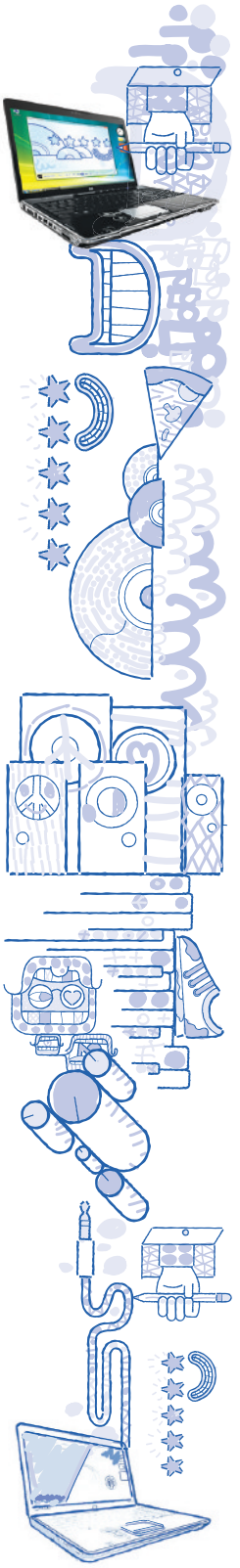

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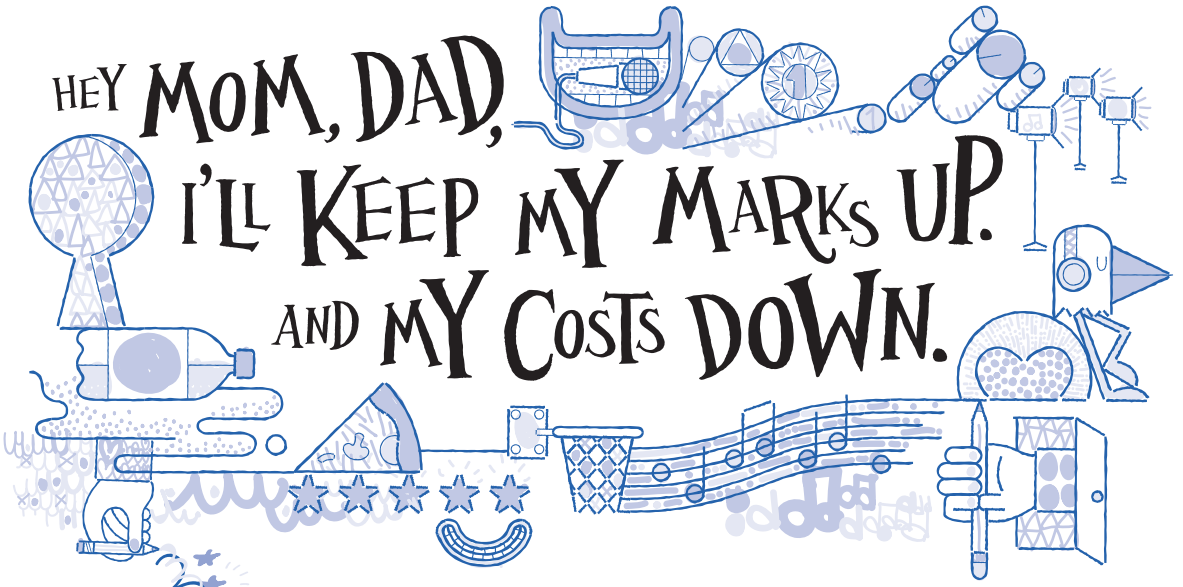

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Hockey legend safe after 4 days lost in wilderness
Authorities say B.C. hockey legend Ernie (Punch) McLean is doing well after spending four days lost in the remote northern wilderness. McLean, 77, who was near Dease Lake surveying for gold, said he got disoriented and was without his satellite phone, compass and GPS. METRO VANCOUVER

Local

Wheelchair b-ball games kick off

The Richmond Olympic Oval is hosting the Americas Cup qualifier for the 2010 World Wheelchair Basketball Championships. The first game is today when Canada takes on Colombia at 1 p.m. The final is scheduled for Aug. 29, with the top four teams moving on to the world championship in Birmingham, England. METRO VANCOUVER

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More fires feared due to lightning

INTERIOR Authorities in the Interior say they're worried there may be another set of massive wildfires because a surge of lightning storms are sparking blazes in the already fire-ravaged woods.

Several fires broke out around Kamloops on the weekend after lightning strikes hit tinder-dry trees.

The community near Fadear Creek is under evacuation order as crews try to contain a 30-hectare fire there, and people around Notch Hill are under evacuation alert because of a 400-hectare fire nearby. Lightning-caused fires are also being fought at Cahilty and Ore creeks. METRO VANCOUVER

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'This is my dream job'

Vancouverite lands spot on U.K. dance show

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Growing up, Vancouver beauty Katya Virshilas was made fun of for being a ballroom dancer, but that hobby is helping her waltz into fame and fortune.

Virshilas, 26, who runs a dance studio in Vancouver, has been chosen as one of 16 professional dancers on Strictly Come Dancing, the United Kingdom's version of Dancing With the Stars.

Her celebrity partner will be revealed tomorrow.

"This is my dream job," Virshilas told Metro Vancouver from London, where she is rehearsing for the show.

"I kind of feel I'm in a dreamland because everything that (I worked) for as a little girl finally came true."

Virshilas said the recent popularity of reality dance shows are exposing the art form to more people.

"When I was 13 and started dancing, ballroom dancing wasn't cool and you were teased and called names," said Virshilas.

"Now, a girl who's passionate (about dance), she can be proud of it. The dance studios are fuller."

Virshilas said starring on the show will give exposure and credibility not only to her style of dance, but also to Vancouver's art culture. She added she'll be bringing what she's learned back to the studios here.

The show will air in the fall.

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Vancouverite Katya Virshilas is a celebrity dancer in the U.K.'s version of Dancing With the Stars.

Background

- Katya Virshilas was the youngest-ever British Columbian Latin dance champion at the age of 16.
- She has made appearances in Hollywood dance movies Shall We Dance and Take the Lead.

News in brief

ALTERCATION Two men were taken to hospital after suffering similar injuries in a violent altercation in Aldergrove early yesterday morning. Both are known to police and aren't co-operating with investigators.

SCAM A Kamloops woman, 39, has lost more than $2,600 in a "mystery shopper" scam. She was sent a cheque for $2,933, then told to deposit it in her account, withdraw most of that money and wire it to China. The original cheque was worthless.

BARWATCH B.C.'s privacy commissioner has approved a modified software to be used for the Barwatch program, which keeps track of known gangsters and rowdy patrons. New rules call for information collected by the scanning of driver's licences to be deleted after 24 hours, but it can be retained for up to one year if the patron is problematic. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Dung used to chase off homeless: Merchants

SURREY Chicken dung was used to keep people — described by area merchants as homeless and drug addicts — from camping outside a Surrey building.

A worker at Kim Thanh supermarket, who asked not to be named, said the dung was used in a lot across the street from his market earlier this month. The smelly mix was placed there by city trucks along the walls to get people to move.

"They had tarps and even umbrellas," he said of the makeshift tents.

Yesterday, the lot was empty and the smell had subsided.

The worker added that he thinks the dung was removed this weekend because he saw trucks at the lot "sucking it" and forming clouds of dust.

Minh Le, owner of Nam's Fastfood, also located across the street from the lot, said the area around 135A Street and 108 Avenue is frequented by drug dealers, addicts and prostitutes.

"This area, including this plaza, you have a lot of homeless people coming in here every day and night," he said. "At least around 40 people."

Le said his clients have told him they don't feel comfortable and some don't return.

The chicken dung was placed next to the Front Run Drop In Centre. A receptionist there said that no one was available to comment yesterday. METRO VANCOUVER

Cereal pulled after capsules found with strange substance

INVESTIGATION A Vancouver-area Wal-Mart pulled some boxes of cereal from shelves after a New Westminster couple found capsules containing "an off-white" substance in their breakfast bowl.

Preliminary tests by the RCMP showed the substance appears not to be harmful.

The box of Fibre 1 Raisin Bran Clusters appeared to be sealed, and according to the man who discovered the capsules, it wasn't until he was eating a bowl of the cereal that he discovered them.

"He immediately got rid of the bowl of cereal," said Sgt. Jane Baptista in a release. "He then checked out the rest of the box and saw that there were more capsules inside."

The manufacturer and Health Canada were notified and Burnaby RCMP are investigating. METRO VANCOUVER

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The mosquito that can carry the West Nile virus.

West Nile virus found in B.C.

The West Nile virus has been found in British Columbia for the first time.

A mosquito pool sample collected from the south Okanagan tested positive for the virus, according to the B.C. Centre for Disease Control. In addition, two Kelowna residents are being tested after they travelled within the central and south Okanagan areas.

Up until this weekend, all recorded cases of West Nile in this province involved people who became infected while travelling outside of B.C.

"This doesn't really come as a surprise," said Dr. Perry Kendall, B.C. provincial health officer.

"Infection has been widely reported in humans and animals in several provinces across Canada and the United States in recent years, including provinces and states bordering B.C."

Mosquito larvae like to live in warm, nutrient-rich standing water; even as little as a teaspoon is enough. Kendall said people should survey the outside of their homes, especially from spring to fall, and drain any standing water as a precaution.

He added that while Canada has seen hundreds of people infected with West Nile in past years, so far, there are no human cases in 2009.

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About the virus

- The usual way for humans to get West Nile virus is through the bite of an infected mosquito.
- West Nile virus affects a range of animals, including horses and birds.
- Of people who are infected with West Nile virus, most will have no symptoms at all.
- About 20 per cent will develop an illness with fever, headaches and rash symptoms.
- In about 1 out of 150 cases, more severe neurological complications can occur.

News in brief

FIGHT Two men embroiled in a fistfight on a North Vancouver road were taken to hospital after being hit by a car while brawling. The men, aged 19 and 24, are expected to recover.

FIRE Several homes in Surrey were evacuated after a three-alarm fire broke out in an electronics store at a nearby industrial complex. Police said it's believed the store contained nitric acid, which would have made smoke from the fire toxic. No one was injured.

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Quebec police make massive pot bust

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Canada/World

Bill's all bluster in N.S.

KRISTEN LIPSCOMBE
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Bill blew through Nova Scotia yesterday, but was more of a bust than a blast, slowing to a Category 1 hurricane by the time it brushed by the province.

Between 50 and 60 millimetres of rain fell over Halifax, with winds of up to 87 kilometres per hour also whistling through this part of the province, according to the program supervisor for the Canadian Hurricane Centre.

"Half of the rain with the storm evaporated, which was a godsend," Peter Bowyer said late yesterday.

Late last week, Bowyer's team was predicting hurricane Bill had the potential to become a "strong Category 2, marginal Category 3" storm, bringing to Nova Scotia gusts of at least 120 kilometres per hour, along with more than 100 millimetres of rain within 12 hours.

But Bowyer said Bill was still a "solid Category 1" hurricane yesterday, prompting tropical storm warnings for the province's Atlantic coast and at one point a hurricane watch for Cape Breton.

Local resident Patrick Aucoin said "it didn't feel like a hurricane at all."

Bill nothing compared to Juan

• Bill definitely ain't no one, er, no Juan. Peter Bowyer, program supervisor for the Canadian Hurricane Centre in Dartmouth, said there's "no comparison at all" between Bill and hurricane Juan, which hit Halifax and the rest of the province hard in late September of 2003.

Thousands flee Greek wildfires

A huge wildfire fanned by strong winds cut a swath of destruction near Athens yesterday, burning houses, razing large patches of forest and sending thousands fleeing their homes, authorities said.

Efforts to fight the blaze from the air were suspended as night fell and the fire raged unchecked for a third day, testing state resources and the conservative government, which is facing the threat of an early election by March.

"The constant shift in the wind's direction is rekindling the flames," said fire brigade spokesman Giannis Kapakis.

Authorities said the fire had retreated from Athens suburbs and was burning mainly forest land, but winds remained strong and the danger of a flare-up was constant.

Earlier yesterday, local authorities used loudspeakers to urge the 20,000 residents of affluent Athens suburb Aghios Stefanos to leave as the flames approached.

Many people abandoned communities around Athens overnight and some frantically tried to stop the flames reaching houses with garden hoses and tree branches.

"We are facing a great ordeal," said Prime Minister Costas Karamanlis, who took a helicopter tour of the afflicted area. "The fire department is making a superhuman effort."

The handling of the fire, the biggest since Greece's worst wildfires in living memory killed 65 people over 10 days in 2007, will be crucial for his political fate.

His government is clinging to a one-seat majority and the socialist opposition, ahead in opinion polls, has made clear it will use a March parliamentary vote, when a new president will be chosen, to force a snap election.

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Hectares of forest, farm fields and olive groves burned in the eastern Attica region alone.

"Nobody has learned anything from the big fires of 2007," far-right LAOS party leader George Karatzaferis told reporters. "It is a huge disaster and co-ordination was not the best."

The Greek weather service warned that winds hindering fire fighting efforts were not expected to abate before tonight. Police and witnesses said scores of homes were heavily damaged.

The fire broke out late on Friday in the village of Grammatiko and quickly spread to neighbouring villages. A children's hospital and a home for the elderly were evacuated. REUTERS

Ignatieff's chief of staff defends posts

POLITICS There is an old adage in politics — the people who help you get to a position of power can't keep you there.

If Michael Ignatieff was unaware of this old saw, he certainly must know it by now. It has been hauled out regularly by the commentariat this summer to explain why the Liberal leader, in a large backroom reorganization, has erred in surrounding himself with charter members of his 2006 leadership team during a large reorganization of the backrooms.

Ian Davey, Ignatieff's new chief of staff and one of his original loyalists, has a succinct reply to that. criticism.

"We're not in power," Davey said. "We're trying to get to power. So if that happens, when we're in power, come and tell me that. The name of the game here is to get to government."

Davey, the son of Liberal Keith Davey, said that his new role is daunting.

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PORT AUTHORITY The Toronto Port Authority is moving ahead with plans to build a pedestrian tunnel under the lake to the island airport.

Hoping to tap into government stimulus cash it has requested for the $38-million project, the Port Authority is issuing a formal request for proposals today to conduct an environmental assessment, the first step to any major construction project.

Ottawa has not indicated whether it would approve the request, but the request does meet the rules for federal infrastructure funding, said Port Authority chair Mark McQueen.

"We do not have a formal approval, but you certainly have to have your ducks lined up, given the times of March 2011 (for completion)," he said.

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India Ramadan begins

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Muslims break their fast on the first day of Ramadan at the Jama Masjid (Grand Mosque) in Delhi yesterday. Muslims around the world abstain from eating, drinking and sexual relations from sunrise to sunset during Ramadan, the holiest month in the Islamic calendar.

Venezuelans march over law

SCHOOLS Thousands of Venezuelans joined rival marches in Caracas Saturday over a controversial education law that critics say strengthens President Hugo Chavez's grip over schools and universities.

Police fired tear gas when government opponents knocked over a fence marking the end of the authorized route. REUTERS

Chinese rights advocate released

CHINA A pioneering Chinese legal rights advocate, who had been detained for more than three weeks and accused of tax evasion, was released yesterday but might still face prosecution, he and his lawyers said. Xu Zhiyong, co-founder of the Open Constitution Initiative, had been out of contact since he was seized from his home on July 29. The government has been tightening its grip on dissidents and human rights campaigners this year.

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News in brief

AFGHANISTAN Afghan President Hamid Karzai's main challenger said yesterday he had evidence that last week's election had been widely rigged by the incumbent and that he had lodged more than 100 complaints. Former foreign minister Abdullah Abdullah, whom polls gave a fighting chance of pushing the election to a second round in October, said he had evidence of widespread rigging.

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Comment

Finding that classy first-day outfit

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Aug. 24. Across the land begins an annual event of monumental proportion, stretching back almost to the dawn of time. Schoolgirls are choosing their outfit for the first day of class.

Frankly, it's ridiculous that some girls spend their last weeks of summer deciding on one outfit. They should have started earlier. Any girl from Grade 1 to college knows: What you wear the first day of school will determine who you are and how people view you for the entire year to come. Maybe it's the same for boys. But in my experience, a boy's idea of a perfect outfit is "whatever I can find on my bedroom floor that doesn't yet smell."

Growing up, I always struggled with what to wear that first day. I blame this on Barbie. Forget the unobtainable body image Barbie presents. I wanted her unobtainable wardrobe.

Dressing Barbie convinced me that the perfect outfit for any occasion was a designer tennis dress, red high heels and a French poodle. My parents insisted that real life wasn't like this but I didn't buy it. I knew my future would be spent sashaying to the grocery store or my job as an astronaut wearing a sparkly pink ball gown.

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My parents would never let me have a Ken doll. I suspect they worried that I might allow Barbie and Ken to engage in acts of unspeakable intimacy. Instead, I was allowed as many Barbies as I wanted. Given that I turned out gay, I've often wondered if they ever regretted this particular parenting choice.

Bottom line though, Barbie's manufacturers should be held responsible for instilling unrealistic fashion expectations in impressionable young girls. They should be forced to make half of Barbie's skirts so she can't get into them any more, shoes with last year's heels, and sweaters she borrowed from her brother.

In a few weeks I'll start school again, continuing to train as a United Church minister. Once again, I'll have to come up with a first-day outfit, though, frankly, when you're both a university student and clergy, no one sets the fashion bar very high.

But for all you other schoolgirls out there, let the mall plundering begin. On with the day-long conferences with friends, the online checking to see what Lindsay and Miley are wearing. And may that first-day outfit be all you ever dreamed of.

Me? I'll be satisfied when I've shopped for groceries in a pink ball gown.

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Views

Street food scene lacks sizzle and steak

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I finally made it to Richmond's Summer Night Market last week. The Lower Mainland tradition is still an undeniable feast for the senses. Brand-name fashion knock-offs, anime toys, over-the-top electronics and Cantonese pop music are all part of the fun.

But what really sets the outdoor event apart is the seemingly infinite array of food stands, serving up dishes from across Asia and around the globe. The massive crowds that descend on these purveyors of skewered grilled chicken, octopus dumpling balls, and watermelon-infused bubble tea underscore how special this foodie festival really is.

Strangely enough, none of this culinary magic spills out into Metro Vancouver's urban sidewalks, where the street food scene is virtually non-existent. The absence is particularly conspicuous downtown — outside of the ubiquitous hotdog stands.

This isn't to take anything away from sausage vendors, and especially the hugely successful Japadog — which lives up to the hype and has become to Vancouver what the cheesesteak sandwich is to Philadelphia. Earlier this year, celebrity chef Anthony Bourdain even popped in on the hotdog cart on his No Reservations television show. Japadog has imitators popping up at, where else, Richmond's Night Market.

But surely there is roadside nourishment beyond the frankfurter. Where are the street cart vendors selling dim sum or souvlaki wraps or Pad Thai? Or the cheesesteak, for that matter?

Overbearing government restrictions are the problem. According to the City of Vancouver's website, vendors offering something other than tube steaks, popcorn, pretzels or nuts have to obtain approval from the Vancouver Coastal Authority, which regulates food products. "If your product is deemed acceptable by the Health Department it will still need to be reviewed by the Engineering Department for approval."

How's that for bureaucracy in B.C.?

This is in sharp contrast to what's happening in at least one major city south of the border. On a recent road trip down Interstate 5 to Portland, I was stunned by the variety of food carts and lunch trucks in that city's downtown.

Indeed, during my short visit I was lucky enough to visit vendors serving delicious, authentic and economical Korean barbecue and Japanese homestyle cooking.

Food carts in Portland are a key facet of that city's urbanism — helping to create a vibrant and friendly downtown that reflects a diversity of cultures.

Vancouver's street food scene, by contrast, is lifeless. This city's hungry residents deserve better.

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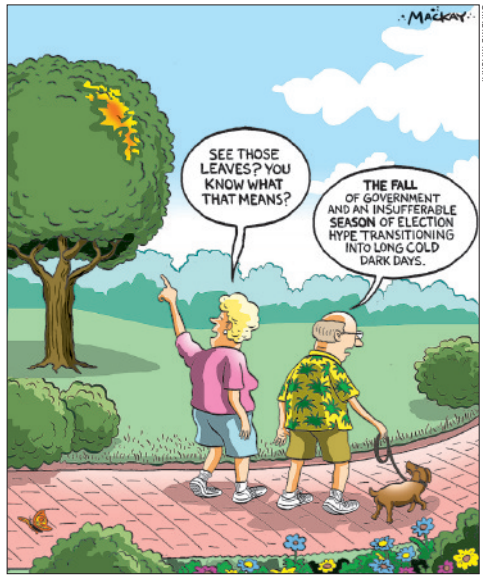
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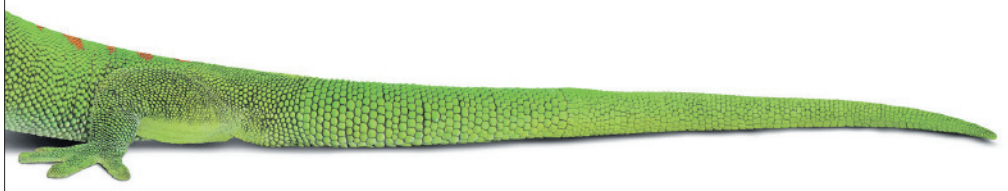

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Sears shares could plummet amid cost cuts, magazine warns

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Business

Chrysler rolls out 'clunker' plan

Chrysler Canada says it is offering the country's most aggressive cash-for-clunker plan with incentives of up to $1,500, days after Hyundai Auto Canada introduced the first program. The company is offering an incentive of an extra $500 to $1,500 if Canadians scrap their old auto and buy a new Chrysler model, on top of the $300 the government has pledged. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Banks may lose some of their lustre

When Canadian banks trot out yet another set of healthy profits this week, it might be tempting to think of the industry as immune to the ravages of recession.

But just below the surface, the banks are likely to start showing wear and tear. Loan losses are looming, analysts say, and as consequence, banking shares look heady.

Virtually no one sees Canada's banks rattling investors with big losses when they start reporting third-quarter earnings tomorrow. Profits are likely to come in between 10 per cent and 16 per cent lower.

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Gladwell examines makings of success

Outliers

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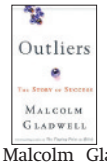

REVIEW Malcolm Gladwell, bestselling author of The Tipping Point and Blink, has returned with yet another page turner filled with captivating social phenomena.

Discussing the outlying sample, a scientific term for describing "things or phenomena that lie outside normal experience," Gladwell examines the likes of Bill Clinton and the Beatles to understand how they have attained so much success.

One issue is how we look at success. Examining a tall tree and trying to know how it grew to such heights yields little information.

Gladwell suggests shifting this approach to looking at the surrounding forest for the success factors. This suggests that those who surround the successful person are playing a major part in the person's ultimate achievements. CRAIG LUND/ FOR METRO CANADA

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Keeping your cool this summer

Keep your home cool this summer by using window coverings and a couple of fans instead of air conditioning, says the Conservation Council of Ontario. Open windows and run fans at night when it's cooler outside. Shut and curtain most windows during the day. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Going Green

$50 voucher for microwaves

Panasonic will be testing a free microwave recycling program in Toronto over the long weekend that, if successful, may become a bigger cross-Canada initiative. Owners can drop off any brand of old microwave at 23 Future Shops and get a coupon for up to $50 to buy a more energy efficient model. METRO NEWS SERVICE

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Parks for people

EarthTones

Sophia Dore & Andrew Laursen

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Last weekend we took a walk in a park run by the local conservation authority. It was a beautiful summer day and we saw trees and wildflowers and birds and people; many, many people.

We had always thought that the conservation authority set aside land for parks, for the land's sake; for the sake of letting trees and wildflowers grow, which then provide habitat for birds and other animals. However, it was brought home to us that the primary beneficiaries of the park are the people.

There was a huge diversity of age and ethnic backgrounds among the park's patrons. On the paths there were families. There were buff bodies whizzing by on roller blades. There were older people. The picnic areas were also full of life.

Sometimes the preservation of the environment seems like an abstract idea. Saving habitat we have never seen to protect animals we have never seen; curtailing chemicals that we can't see. However, the observation of the activities in the park show that preserving green spaces directly benefits us all. In Canada we are lucky to have unspoiled green spaces that are open to all and we as a society take full advantage of them. While some can enjoy a day outside in their own yards, others do not have that luxury. This is where parks come in. Preserving these parks is crucial to the wellbeing of those who depend on them for their days outdoors. Picnicking under a tree on a summer day should be a right of all humans.

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Farms degrading wild salmon

Eco-Minded

Kai Chan with Sarah Klain

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The shocking loss of Fraser River sockeye salmon is the equivalent of being told that Ontario is full of cities and some 11 million people, only to go and find merely Mississauga.

This year's sockeye run was expected to be more than 10 million, and only about a million have returned. This debilitating absence of the fish that symbolizes the soul of B.C. decimates commercial fishermen's livelihoods and leaves many First Nations without one of their most important foods.

Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) officials call this tragic disappearance a "mystery." Without doubt, the science behind fisheries is complex: Numerous environmental conditions and human activities influence how many fish survive and reproduce.

Looming in our minds are the lost Atlantic cod stocks on Canada's east coast. Over a decade after the cod fishery's closure, stocks have not recovered.

The science is always complex, but some likely contributors to the declines are clear enough for concern. Human activities, particularly salmon farms, are degrading wild salmon populations. Farms could be situated out of the migration routes of wild salmon, so that when juvenile salmon swim to the oceans, they don't become infected with farm-derived diseases and sea lice.

If the DFO lets this summer's shocking loss turn into a perennial tragedy of miniscule salmon runs, they'll never be forgiven.

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Nationals claim MLL championship

Shawn Williams scored twice in the fourth quarter as the Toronto Nationals won their first ever Major League Lacrosse championship 10-9 yesterday against the Denver Outlaws. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

Rare feat

Second baseman Eric Bruntlett, left, turned an unassisted triple play to end the Philadelphia Phillies' 9-7 victory over the New York Mets yesterday. It was the 15th unassisted triple play in major league history and the second that ended a game. Detroit Tigers first baseman Johnny Neun also accomplished the feat on May 31, 1927, completing a 1-0 victory over Cleveland, according to Stats LLC. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Coaching picture unclear

It's Called Football

Ben Rycroft

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Think back to the Nagano Olympics — the one where Canada bombed out of the men's hockey competition.

Days after the fact, reports were being commissioned to figure out what had happened to Canadian hockey. Not a moment was wasted trying to figure out what went wrong.

Now flash forward to just over a year ago. The men's national soccer team, attempting to qualify for the World Cup for the first time since 1986, tied a Jamaican squad 1-1 in Toronto. It wasn't their elimination, but it was certainly their undoing.

Once Canada was eliminated from qualifying, there was no swift action, no reports commissioned. A few commentators offered critical observations and questioned then-head coach Dale Mitchell's abilities. But even the inspired mob, with their torches lit, could not force the Canadian Soccer Association into action.

After Mitchell's eventual dismissal, CSA technical director Stephen Hart was appointed interim head coach.

He's well-liked by the players and has shown an understanding of the tactics needed to win in CONCACAF and achieved results.

But a month after the decent Gold Cup run headed by Hart, the CSA hasn't bothered to remove the interim tag. And when I caught up with Hart on Friday, to ask him how players like Dwayne De Rosario and Adrian Serioux might factor into the national side in the years ahead, he didn't sound like a man counting on getting the job full-time.

"That's hard to say as I'm not the national coach — just an interim. Any coach coming in will wipe the slate clean," Hart said.

Hart admitted he has not had any formal discussions with the CSA about the full-time position. But I've since learned that the CSA board will meet next month — at which time they will discuss Stephen Hart's future.

For those in favour of removing the interim tag, it might be time to join the mob and re-light the torches.

Watch Ben Rycroft on the It's Called Football show every Sunday at metronews.ca; ben.rycroft@metronews.ca.

Dementieva wins Rogers Cup final

Sharapova's bid for comeback falls short

Russian fourth seed Elena Dementieva picked up her third title of the year and denied compatriot Maria Sharapova a comeback win with a 6-4, 6-3 victory in the final of the Rogers Cup in Toronto yesterday.

Elena Dementieva

Dementieva's victory was just the third in nine meetings against Sharapova, who was playing for a title for the first time since Amelia Island in April 2008 as she continued her return from shoulder surgery.

It is the 14th career title for Dementieva and comes with a good omen — the three past winners of the Toronto tournament have gone on to capture the U.S. Open.

"I felt like Lleyton Hewitt today, I was fighting for every point, so many long rallies, it's not the game I like to play," Dementieva told reporters. "I was just waiting for my chances and didn't rush.

"This kind of win gives you a lot of confidence, so right now it is all about recovery and getting ready for New York."

Working her way back to top form after nine months on the sidelines, Sharapova has made steady progress since she launched her comeback in May.

But the three-time grand slam winner showed in an uneven final that her game still needs sharpening as she served up nine double faults to Dementieva in the opening set.

Despite her service woes, Sharapova heads to Flushing Meadows on an upbeat note. She is guaranteed to be seeded at the U.S. Open, moving up from her current 49th ranking into the top 32 by reaching the Toronto final. REUTERS

Sports in brief

BLUE JAYS Randy Ruiz recorded a three-run double and Travis Snider finished with three hits, including a solo homer, as the Toronto Blue Jays claimed an 8-3 win over the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim yesterday in the finale of a three-game set in Toronto.

PGA Ryan Moore birdied the third extra hole to win a three-way play-off at the $5.1-million Wyndham Championship yesterday. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Lions start strong, fall apart against Bombers

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THE SKINNY: It brought back memories of the first few games of the season. B.C. started strong and then fell apart. They went up 7-0 in the early going but it was all Winnipeg from there on out.

THE DIFFERENCE: The run game. B.C.'s defence had no answer for Winnipeg's ground attack. The Bombers basically ran through the Lions like they were pylons, scorching them for 393 yards.

BOMBER RECORD: Winnipeg running back Fred Reid had an amazing game, running for 260 yards, the most ever in Blue Bomber history.

RECOVERY TIME: The Lions will welcome a week off as it allows injured quarterback Buck Pierce more time to recover from his latest concussion. He will likely be back practising with the club as early as next week.

THE NEXT GAME: The Lions have a bye this week and are back in action on Sept. 4 at 7:30 p.m., when they will host the Montreal Alouettes. DANIEL HENDRIKSEN/ FOR METRO VANCOUVER

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ABU changes name to Crandall University
The Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches approved the name change for Atlantic Baptist University to Crandall University recently. The main reason for the name change is to expand the school's mission by overcoming perceptual obstacles resulting from a denominationally specific name. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Workology

Drop in grad enrolment

According to a new report from the U.S.-based Council of Graduate Schools, admission of foreign students to American graduate schools fell by three per cent between 2008 and 2009. Applications from India and South Korea dropped by 12 per cent and nine per cent, respectively.
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Passion for wild weather

Be it storms or volcanoes, George Kourounis is there

OddJobs

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COURTESY GEORGE KOUROUNIS

As Canada's only storm chaser who's been able to make a living off the job, George Kourounis tries to be at the centre of action for as many storms and volcanic eruptions as he possibly can.

When Hurricane Bill hit Atlantic Canada this weekend, most of us avoided the region and watched the rain, if at all possible, on TV.

Not George Kourounis. The 39-year-old Torontonian was in the eye of the storm.

As Canada's only storm chaser who's been able to make a living off the job, Kourounis tries to be at the centre of action for as many hurricanes, tornadoes and volcanic eruptions as he possibly can.

He grew up, however, with quite a different career path planned. A musician as a teen in Hull, Que., Kourounis came to Toronto to study audio engineering at Trebas Institute.

He did well as an engineer and eventually managed a large sound studio in downtown Toronto that did work for film and TV.

"It was very long hours and dealing with stressed-out clients," he recalls. Kourounis needed a way to chill. In 1998, he heard about a company taking people down to the US for two weeks of chasing tornados.

"Well, this is pretty cool. I'm stressed out at work, I want to go and try this," he thought.

The trip got Kourounis totally hooked, so he set to learning everything he could — through books, the Internet and taking to experts — about storms.

He got extra time off work and spent his vacations trailing hurricanes and tornados. He began taking the entire month of May off every year: that's tornado season. He also began visiting erupting volcanoes.

"I got known as the guy who was always in the right place at the wrong time," says Kourounis, who became a pro at reading the sky and knowing just where a storm will hit. He took pictures and video footage of whatever he saw.

Eventually, news organizations started calling and buying his stuff.

In 2006, a TV production company called. With them, he developed the show Angry Planet and sold it to the Outdoor Life Network. Thanks to this gig, he was able to quit his day job and chase storms professionally.

He takes camera crews to dangerously hot caves, lakes of sulphur, lighting storms. Even if the show's not shooting a storm, he'll chase it on his own, often in his very beat-up 1999 Honda CRV.

When he's not travelling, he's following storms via the web, planning trips and editing tape for his show.

He also sometimes gets to see his wife, whom he married on the edge of an exploding volcano in the South Pacific.

"She's very understanding. She knows it's my passion."

The Lowdown

Job title: Storm chaser
Salary: It's hard to make a living; he does thanks to the TV show and freelance work for news agencies
Education: You have to teach yourself about meteorology and storms
Best part of the job: "Living my dream and seeing nature put on the most incredible displays."
Worst part of the job: "Sitting on planes and the jet lag. Bad food and bad hotels."

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

Workology in brief

MANAGEMENT A recent survey by Shepell-fgi Research Group concludes that too many Canadian managers and supervisors are not properly equipped to deal with employee issues such as health, productivity, absenteeism, disability and employees returning to work after an absence. The report recommends organizations establish regular manager/supervisor training to identify and respond to declining productivity and changes in employee behaviour.

EMPLOYEES Even in the face of an uncertain economy, high potential employees are leaving their jobs for greater opportunities, according to a newly released report by Catalyst. The report classifies high potential employees as those who graduated with MBAs from top business schools around the world between 1996 and 2007. The report, which followed employees in Canada, the United States, Europe and Asia, also found that Canadian high potentials received far fewer promotions than their European and Asia counterparts.

JOB MARKET A new report by CIBC World Markets indicates that the U.S. job market is much weaker than Canada's. The report also states that Canadian workers are finding new jobs more quickly than expected following the recession. HEATHER BUCHAN/ FOR METRO CANADA

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No baby for Paquin

Despite speculation, Anna Paquin is "not pregnant," her rep says. Blogs have been guessing the True Blood actress is expecting after she was spotted wearing a baggy dress in Beverly Hills on Wednesday. USMAGAZINE.COM

Entertainment

Milla marries

Actress Milla Jovovich married director Paul W.S. Anderson in an intimate outdoor ceremony at their home in Beverly Hills on Saturday. The bride, 33, wore a '60s-style mini dress she designed herself. PEOPLE.COM

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O'Riordan carries No Baggage

Ex-Cranberries singer says reunion still a possibility

MAUREEN LITTLEJOHN
for Metro Canada

Dolores O'Riordan, the former singer of The Cranberries with the soaring, staccato voice, has released her second solo album since leaving the Irish supergroup in 2003.

No Baggage, written and co-produced by O'Riordan and Toronto-based Dan Brodbeck, is about the passage of her life, a topsy turvey trip that she is only starting to come to terms with now.

"The title is tongue-in-cheek. You could say I used the CD to shed my baggage. But, really all those experiences and feelings are what makes us who we are," she says over the phone from her home in Ontario's cottage country. She and her family spend half the year living in "the forest" and the other half is in Dublin.

Shooting to stratospheric fame when she was 19 with the band's first album Linger, O'Riordan toured the world and sold more than 40 million albums. At 23 she married Don Burton, the Canadian tour manager for Duran Duran. The pace and pressure was tremendous, and O'Riordan's health suffered. After 13 years and five albums, she decided she'd had enough. She and Burton settled into domestic life with their children, Taylor, 11, Molly, 8, Dakota, 4 and Donny, Burton's 17-year-old son from a previous relationship.

"I couldn't stay away from the piano," the 37-year-old musician admits. Her first solo album, Are You Listening? was released in 2007 and a tour followed. "It was such a change after being at home for four years. I felt like two different people," she says.

On the cover of No Baggage, a white-clad O'Riordan perches on a stool in the middle of a frozen lake. The picture was taken on a whim in front of O'Riordan's Kawarthas-area house. "It was minus 28, a friend took that shot. We didn't alter it all," she says.

New music

• Dolores O'Riordan's new album No Baggage is out tomorrow.

The album's reflective lead single, The Journey speaks of abandoning fears and grasping the moment. On Fly Through, an older, wiser O'Riordan looks back on her younger self and asks if she has found what she was searching for. "I think we're always searching for something that we won't feel until we finally leave the planet. That's inner peace," she says.

UNIVERSAL MUSIC PHOTO

Dolores O'Riordan is about to release her second solo album since splitting with the Cranberries.

When she was named Honourary Patron of Trinity College's Philosophical Society earlier this year, O'Riordan played a few songs with her old bandmates. "It felt so natural," she says. Are there plans for a Cranberry reunion? "Oh, I will definitely play with them again," says O'Riordan.

In the meantime, she's going at her own pace and traveling light.

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critics' corner

Gossip Girl

Blair (Leighton Meester) pressures Georgina (guest star Michelle Trachtenberg) into helping her with a scheme; Chuck and Nate's (Ed Westwick, Chace Crawford) rivalry over Blair comes to a head; Lily (Kelly Rutherford) comes up with a secret plan to help Rufus (Matthew Settle) with Dan's (Penn Badgley) college tuition. Blake Lively also stars in "The Wrath of Con." 6 PM on WGN WPX, 8 PM on VI, 9 PM on TLA CW

Nurse Jackie

Get your climbing harness ready; cliffhanger ahead. Jackie (Edie Falco) promises she'll meet Kevin (Dominic Fumusa) for a midnight rendezvous, then promises to help O'Hara (Eve Best) admit her mother. To complicate things further, a drunken Eddie (Paul Schulze) shows up at the hospital and threatens to tell everything. Panicked, Jackie takes three vials of morphine and collapses. Victor Garber guest stars in the season finale, "Healthcare & Cinema." 9 PM on CEN

Weekend box office

1. **Inglourious Basterds:** $37.6 million US
2. **District 9:** $18.9 million
3. **G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra:** $12.5 million
4. **The Time Traveler's Wife:** $10 million
5. **Julie & Julia** $9 million
6. **Shorts:** $6.6 million
7. **G-Force:** $4.2 million
8. **Harry Potter:** $3.5 million
9. **The Ugly Truth:** $2.9 million
10. **Post Grad:** $2.8 million

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Happy birthday to Brody

Talk about a birthday present. Hills star Brody Jenner spent his 26th birthday in Los Angeles' Cedars-Sinai Medical Center having his appendix removed, a source tells usmagazine.com. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Lindsay's L.A. home burgled

CLOSE CALL Lindsay Lohan arrived at her Hollywood Hills home early Sunday to find her house had apparently been robbed, her mother, Dina Lohan, confirms to People magazine.

"The safe was ripped out of the wall, and the door was off the hinges and door handles removed," Dina said. "Bags, shoes and jewelry were taken, too. Thank God she wasn't home."

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METRO WORLD NEWS

Khloe and Terrence 'just friends'

DOWNPLAYING RUMOURS Khloe Kardashian's radio co-host on E!'s Kourtney and Khloe Take Miami claims he doesn't even remember the steamy kiss he shared with the reality star, people.com reports.

"We are just friends," Terrence J told People. "Neither one of us remembers the kiss."

It's a forgotten moment for the host of BET's highly-rated music video show 106 & Park and co-host of Khloe After Dark, who says he's in a relationship and he is "very much in love."

Talking it over with Kardashian he said, "We were trying to remember who kissed whom first and we have both agreed to agree that it was just a long night where we both had some drinks and shared a good time."

He added that although he was brought in to assist Kardashian, 25, she is holding down her own on the airwaves. "Her radio skills are dope. She has an outgoing personality and she doesn't hold her tongue. When she's on the air she's a blast to watch."

On Kardashian's sister Kourtney's baby news Terrence J noted: "The shows depict her and Scott (Disick) always having conflict but what you don't see is that he is always cuddling Kourtney. Scott really loves her. I didn't know she was pregnant when we were filming. I am really excited for both of them. I am also excited to buy them baby clothes."

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LeAnn involved in hit-and-run?

BRUSH WITH THE LAW LAPD officers questioned LeAnn Rimes Thursday night about a misdemeanour hit and run, a spokeswoman for the police department confirms to usmagazine.com.

The accident happened "between 7:30 and 7:45 p.m. in the West Los Angeles area," said Officer Norma Eisenman, who also confirmed a report by the Los Angeles Times that Rimes was questioned at her home.

No other details — including if anyone was injured — are available. "It's an ongoing investigation," she added.

A rep for Rimes tells Us: "There was a routine police investigation into this incident, and a police report was filed. We are confident that this matter will be resolved shortly and LeAnn will be cleared."

Earlier that afternoon, Rimes debuted her relationship with Eddie Cibrian, with whom she's been having an affair, usmagazine.com reports. The couple went golfing in Valencia, Calif.

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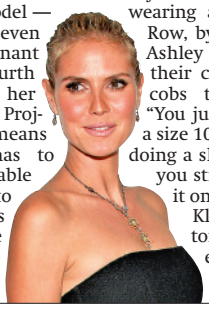
No mat wear for model Heidi

PREGNANT AND VAIN Heidi Klum won't wear maternity clothes, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The supermodel — who is seven months pregnant with her fourth child — says her role as host of Project Runway means she always has to look fashionable so she opts to buy larger sizes of her favourite designer collections to cover her expanding tummy.



"My stylist tries to find things that are not maternity clothes, so I've been wearing a lot from The Row, by Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen. I love their clothes. Marc Jacobs too," she said. "You just buy things in a size 10 — when you're doing a show on fashion, you still have to bring it on."

Klum's fellow Victoria's Secret model Adriana Lima is also pregnant, as are the company's former faces Gisele Bündchen and Karolina Kurkova. Klum revealed her friends have been asking her for advice on motherhood.

"It's so funny! We must have been with each other for so long now that our cycles and egg-dropping must have happened at the same time," she said. "Adriana has asked me a few things about nannies and how the birth is. It's hard to explain and you just have to kind of figure it out." METRO NEWS SERVICES

Miley a-Twitter about co-star

NEW FLING? It looks like co-stars Miley Cyrus and Liam Hemsworth are more than just friends, people.com reports.

Last Wednesday, as Cyrus bid the Australian actor goodbye at the Nashville airport, the two kissed — and were "full-on making out," said Alex Emanuel, an actor who was a few feet away from the couple and witnessed Cyrus, 16, act "as giddy as a schoolgirl."

As Hemsworth headed for the terminal doors, "she jumped into his arms and threw her arms around his neck and kissed him and leaned back and he was dipping her," said Emanuel. "It was like a scene out of an old movie where the guy's getting on a train and they're saying their goodbyes."

The two actors recently wrapped the film The Last Song in Tybee, Ga., and attended the film's wrap party together on Aug. 16.

Cyrus maintained her her single status, tweeting "I do not have a boyfriend."

But she's apparently been spending time with Hemsworth: "@mommytish and @auntedi and I are introducing the aussie to (restaurant) cracker barrel!!! Yummyyy :)" and watching TV together: "I kinda want to go see The Time Traveler's Wife but I think I'll just sit around and eat sushi and watch Liar Liar with Liam."

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Megan tries hand at comedy on SNL

NOT JUST A PRETTY FACE Transformer star Megan Fox will host the season-opening episode of Saturday Night Live Sept. 26, sources tell Life & Style.

"This is the perfect opportunity for her to show off her comedic skills," a source said.

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GaGa for Brit boy bands

IN HER DREAMS Pop singer Lady GaGa has a very specific sexual fantasy, and it involves aging British boy band Take That.

"They're very sexy. I'm a single girl now and I love to have a good time," GaGa said, according to Showbiz Spy. "I'd like all four at once," she admitted, leaving out original member Robbie Williams, who's sat out all reunion attempts.

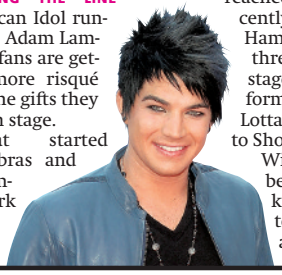
As for looking for love, GaGa admits she's looking to keep it simple. "I'm not looking for anyone. I just sleep with the guys in my band all the time because it's easier."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Adam's fans behaving badly at concert

CROSSING THE LINE American Idol runner-up Adam Lambert's fans are getting more risqué with the gifts they toss on stage.

What started with bras and glow-in-the-dark handcuffs reached a new level recently when a fan in Hamilton, Ont., threw a dildo onstage during his performance of Whole Lotta Love, according to Showbiz Spy.



Without missing a beat, Lambert kicked the sex toy back into the audience. Lambert previously told Entertainment Weekly that he doesn't mind the attention: "It's really getting creative. It's exciting. I think they really want me to play with these toys during the number."

But he admits he's been trying to ignore the gifts because he "didn't want to condone the behaviour."

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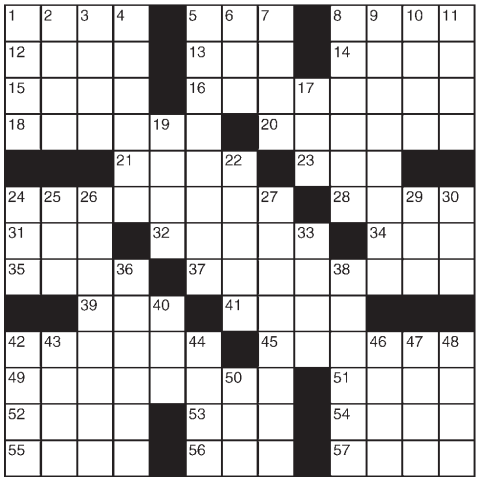

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Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

1	6	4	2	9	8	7	5	3
8	9	5	3	4	7	2	1	6
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6	4	7	5	2	9	8	3	1
4	5	6	7	3	2	1	9	8
9	7	1	8	5	4	3	6	2
3	2	8	9	6	1	5	4	7

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Metro Recipe of the Day

Vegetable Pasta Salad

INGREDIENTS:

2 cups (500 ml) broccoli florets
4 cups (1 l) cooked spiral pasta
2 medium carrots, julienned
1/2 cup (125 ml) frozen peas, thawed
1/2 cup (125 ml) cubed fully cooked ham
1/2 cup (125 ml) cubed cheddar cheese
1/3 cup sliced green onions

DRESSING:

3/4 cup (175 ml) mayonnaise
2 tbsp (25 ml) cider vinegar
1 tbsp (15 ml) Dijon mustard
1 garlic clove, minced
1 tsp (5 ml) dill weed
1/4 tsp (1 ml) pepper

METHOD:

1. Place 1 in. (2.5 cm) water in small pot; add broccoli. Bring to boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer 2-3 minutes. Rinse in cold water and drain.
2. In large bowl, combine broccoli, pasta, carrots, peas, ham, cheese and onions. In another bowl, combine dressing ingredients. Pour over salad and toss to coat. Cover and refrigerate at least 1 hour.

SERVES 10

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
If you have faith in who you are and what you do there's almost nothing you cannot accomplish this week. You're an Aries — you were born to succeed.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
You should be full of life and raring to go this week, and if that does not describe you perfectly, don't worry, it will do very soon.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
The most important thing today is that you don't jump to conclusions, because there is a real possibility you could be wrong.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
If you start the day in a mad rush to get things done chances are you will end the day even further behind than when you started.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
Some things are flexible, some are fixed, and you need to be able to tell them apart. That may not be easy this week, so keep your eyes and ears open.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Keep your thoughts and ideas simple today: If you complicate things you'll likely regret it later. Also, refuse to get involved in someone's personal issues.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
The whole world may be against you, but if that little voice inside your head says you are doing the right thing then just keep on doing it.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
The cosmic setup brings friendship to the fore and makes you want to visit places you've never been. Put them together and take a vacation with friends.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
If something isn't working out the way you planned then you must face up to that fact and take remedial action. There is still time to turn things around.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
You desperately need a change of scene and with the sun now transiting the most adventurous area of your chart there are no excuses for staying put.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
Believe it or not your life is getting better by the day, the hour, even the minute, and what happens between now and the end of the week will prove it.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
There's a chance you'll take what someone tells you completely the wrong way, and the results could be embarrassing — so don't overreact.

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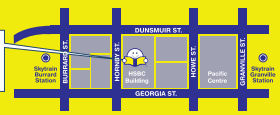

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